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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, KS, KN, US

SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF USG CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREANS

REFS: (A) SEOUL 6325, (B) PEKING 1566.

1. PLEASE INFORM MOFA NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS CHIEF  
YI SUNG-KON QUITE FIRMLY THAT USG STANDS ON THE  
ASSURANCES UNEQUIVOCALLY GIVEN RECENTLY BY BOTH SECRETARY  
OF STATE AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

2. YOU MAY INDICATE THAT, IN LIGHT OF THESE HIGH-LEVEL  
COMMITMENTS, WE DO NOT FIND THE ATTITUDE OF SUSPICION  
INHERENT IN YI'S INQUIRY TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE. THERE IS  
NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY REACTING TO EACH THIN RUMOR OR  
CHANCE ENCOUNTER WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE OCCURRED.  
OUR COMMITMENT TO CONSULT WITH THE ROKG CONCERNING ANY  
DIALOGUE WITH THE DPRK REMAINS FIRM.

3. ROK EMBASSY OFFICER SHIN DO BYONG, ON INSTRUCTIONS  
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FROM SEOUL, RAISED ISSUE IN LOW KEY WITH OFFICE OF KOREAN  
AFFAIRS JULY 28 CITING TWO KOREAN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS

FROM NEW YORK AND SEKAI NIPPO PIECE FROM TOKYO. HE SAID  
THAT HE IS FULLY AWARE OF DUBIOUS SOURCES FOR ALL REPORTS,  
BUT CHARACTERIZED PERSPECTIVE FROM SEOUL AS EXTREMELY  
NERVOUS AND ILL-INFORMED ON THIS ISSUE. WE HAVE EMPHASIZED

TO SHIN THAT THERE ARE NO GROUNDS FOR ANY REPORTS OF  
U.S.-NORTH KOREAN CONTACTS.

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